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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Fourth Graders Go For the Gold... Rush!



Fourth Graders in Crew 14 had a banner week with their Coloma experience!

On Thursday, they persevered through the rain and panned for gold on the banks of the South Fork of the American River – right where gold was discovered!

They also visited the Gold Discovery Museum, toured Sutter's Mill, and enjoyed the "Wagon's Ho" interactive experience.

Returning to campus to dry out a bit they enjoyed stew, cornbread, and s'mores on Friday after a morning of pioneer crafts.

Thank you to all the dedicated parents for sticking out the soggy weather!



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Spirit Day This Friday! Mismatched Day!

This Friday is a GVCS Spirit Day! Bring you're a-game with your best Mismatched outfits!

Go Coyotes!!!



Support 6th Grade – They Are Going to Science Camp!

Sixth grade is fundraising to go to 6th grade science camp on the Mendocino Coast! We are so excited that this experience is back for students, and we are looking forward to the crew spirit to support their fundraising efforts. They have several fundraisers in the works!

- Mark your calendars! The Coyote Jamboree BBQ and Concert on Friday, May 13th! There will be live music, BBQ, children's activities, live auction / raffle, children's book sale and a cornhole tournament! More information forthcoming!

Sixth grade is looking for support with donated auction items, used children's books and additional cornhole boards to borrow for the big event! Contact Ms. Tracey at thockinson@gvcsd.us

Model United Nations!

Got a sibling, neighbor, cousin, or friend in grades 6, 7, and 8? Model UN is for them! Model UN focuses on collaboration, understanding, public speaking, and geography as Ambassadors learn more about the world around them and their role in it. Since covid continues to make travel tricky and planning a little more challenging, we'll be offering a Sacramento Valley focused program open to all middle schoolers in the region, with our local delegation meeting in downtown Grass Valley. It will consist of three Tuesday meetings (**April 26, May 3, and May 10**) and a weekend conference at the Y (May 14-15) --including a pool party! Registration is now open bit.ly/capcomun2022. There is a fee of \$95/student, with robust financial aid available through a generous grant from a local business. We will not have to turn away any students! For more information, contact MaryJane Huenergardt, Lead Advisor, YMCA, Gold Country YMCA at 415-515-4945.

Support 8th Graders Going to DC & Get Your Kiddo Moving!

Looking for a fun activity for your kids on a half day Friday? Want to support the 8th graders traveling to NY and Washington DC this summer? Check out the **Mini Sports Camp** available to all GVCS students K-8th grade. **Friday, May 6, 2022 from 12:30-3pm**

Cost is **\$25** per student and includes pizza and juice for lunch (or bring your own packed lunch)

We'll gather by the big tree near the playground after school to eat lunch together and begin a rotation of various sports and activities led by our 8th graders. Adults will assist and supervise the afternoon.

See attached permission slip for details and to begin registering your child/ren. **We need a final count by May 5th**. Permission slips can also be picked up and returned (with payment) at the office or outside teacher Lindsey Ward's room.

Questions? Contact Stacie La Jeunesse (8th grade parent) at stacielaj@hotmail.com or 252-259-2991.

Got Sports?

Mountain Bike Club

Rides are Wednesdays from campus into Empire Mine and adjoining property, and Friday, off campus. Questions: Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net

Track

Track practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30pm at GVCS.

Track Meets for the Year:

April 28th – Gold Country MS Championships

May 11th – Colfax Meet

Questions: Coach Jon at jonshilling@att.net

Girls Volleyball

Final Tournament of the Season!

Due to the success of the Girls Volleyball teams, they have been invited to move from the small school bracket, to compete in the large school bracket! Wahoo!!! Go Coyotes!

The tournament will take place Tuesday – Thursday, between 4-9pm and hosted in the NU Gyms.

Coach Gabe at hunter_1027@yahoo.com,

Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net

If you have any questions about sports,
please reach out to Mr. E, at aezzell@gvsd.us

Pizza & Popsicles!

We set GVCS records with popsicle and pizza sales last week! So much fun!

Pizza Sales are on Thursdays. Choices include cheese or pepperoni, including gluten free options. Cost is \$3 for one slice, and \$5 for two slices. Student Council will be taking orders Thursday morning from 8:15-8:30 am by the office, pizza will be served at lunch time for each grade level.

Popsicle sales are also happening on **Fridays**, during snack time. Popsicles are \$1.

TechTest Jr!

Congrats to Levi V in 6th grade for a 2nd place finish and Sawyer M in 7th grade for his 3rd place finish! TechTest Jr is a math-based exam that focuses on problem solving methodologies and critical thinking skills. It was offered to 5th through 8th graders from all schools in Nevada County. The event included tours/ demos and provided students with a glimpse of life in the high-tech industry.

Be In The Know

4/29: Mismatched Clothes Spirit Day

5/2: EC Day (formerly known as Snow Days) No School.

5/5: Deadline for New Student Registration Packets for 22/23 School Year

An Expanded View of Student Achievement

At GVCS we have an expanded vision of student achievement. We believe that when a student graduates from our school, that they should be well on their way to becoming an effective and productive citizen, who not only envisions a better world, but possesses the tools to help create that world.

As students culminate their education, be it after college or vocational school, we know that their success is not solely dependent upon their test scores, but on the quality of their work and the quality of their character.

As such, at GVCS we consider student achievement to have three dimensions: Mastery of Academic Skills and Content, High – Quality Work, and Character.

We hope that you have found evidence of our commitment to these dimensions of student achievement in the previous pages.



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Our Design Principles

The Primacy of Self – Discovery
The Having of Wonderful Ideas
The Responsibility for Learning
Empathy and Caring
Success and Failure
Collaboration and Competition
Diversity and Inclusion
The Natural World
Solitude and Reflection
Service and Compassion